aſſured, that in a Nation which is tyed down by ſuch Religious and Solemn Engagements, the People's Loyalty will keep pace with their Morality; and that in Proportion as they are ſincere Chriſtians, they will be faithful Subjects.

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Veritas pluribus modis infracta: Primum inſcitiâ reipublicæ, ut alienæ; mox libidine aſſentandi, aut rurſus odio adverſus dominantes. Obtrectatio & livor pronis auribus accipiuntur: quippe adulationi fœdum crimen ſervitutis, malignitati falſa ſpecies libertatis ineſt. Tac.

THERE is no greater Sign of a bad Cauſe, than when the Patrons of it are reduced to the Neceſſity of making uſe of the moſt wicked Artifices to ſupport it. Of this Kind are the Falſhoods and Calumnies, which are invented and ſpread abroad by the Enemies to our King and Countrey. This Spirit of Malice and Slander does not diſcover itſelf in any Inſtances ſo ridiculous, as in thoſe, by which ſeditious Men endeavour to depreciate His Majeſty's Perſon and Family; without conſidering, that his Court at *Hanover* was always allowed to be one of the Politeſt in *Europe*, and that, before he became our King, he was reckoned among the greateſt Princes of *Chriſtendom*.

But the moſt glorious of His Majeſty's Predeceſſors was treated after the ſame Manner. Upon that Prince's firſt Arrival, the inconſiderable Party, who then laboured to make him odious

dious to the People, gave out, That he brought with him twenty thouſand *Laplanders*, cloathed in the Skins of Bears, all of their own killing; and that they mutiny'd becauſe they had not been regaled with a bloody Battel within two Days after their Landing. He was no ſooner on the Throne, than thoſe, who had contributed to place him there, finding that he had made ſome Changes at Court which were not to their Humour, endeavoured to render him Unpopular by Miſrepreſentations of his Perſon, his Character, and his Actions. They found that his Noſe had a Reſemblance to that of *Oliver Cromwel*, and clapt him on a huge Pair of Muſtachoes to frighten his People with: His Mercy was Fear; his Juſtice was Cruelty; his Temperance, Oeconomy, prudent Behaviour, and Application to Buſineſs, were *Dutch* Virtues; and ſuch as we had not been uſed to in our *Engliſh* Kings. He did not fight a Battel, in which the *Tories* did not ſlay double the Number of what he had loſt in the Field; nor ever raiſed a Siege, or gain'd a Victory, which did not coſt more than 'twas worth. In ſhort, he was contriving the Ruin of his Kingdom; and in order to it advanc'd Dr. *Tillotſon* to the higheſt Station of the Church, my Lord *Sommers* of the Law, Mr. *Mountague* of the Treaſury, and the Admiral at *la Hogue* of the Fleet. Such were the Calumnies of the Party in thoſe Times, which we ſee ſo faithfully copied out by Men of the ſame Principles under the Reign of His preſent Majeſty.

As the Schemes of theſe Gentlemen are the moſt abſurd and contradictory to common Senſe, the Means by which they are promoted muſt be of the ſame Nature. Nothing but Weakneſs and

and Folly can diſpoſe *Engliſhmen* and *Proteſtants* to the Intereſts of a *Popiſh Pretender:* And the ſame Abilities of Mind will naturally qualify his Adherents to ſwallow the moſt palpable and notorious Falſhoods. Their ſelf-intereſted and deſigning Leaders cannot deſire a more ductile and eaſy People to work upon. How long was it before many of this ſimple, deluded Tribe were brought to believe, that the *Highlanders* were a Generation of Men that could be conquer'd! The Rabble of the Party were inſtructed to look upon 'em as ſo many *Giants* and *Saracens*; and were very much ſurprized to find, that every one of 'em had not with his broad Sword mow'd down at leaſt a Squadron of the King's Forces. There were not only publick Rejoycings in the Camp at *Perth*, but likewiſe many private Congratulations nearer us, among theſe Well-wiſhers to their Countrey, upon the Victories of their Friends at *Preſton*; which continued till the Rebels made their ſolemn Cavalcade from *Highgate*. Nay, there were then ſome of theſe wiſe Partiſans, who concluded, the Government had hired two or three hundred hale Men, who looked like Fox-hunters, to be Bound and Pinion'd, if not to be Executed, as Repreſentatives of the pretended Captives. Their Victories in *Scotland* have been innumerable; and no longer ago than laſt Week, they gained a very remarkable One, in which the *Highlanders* cut off all the *Dutch* Forces to a Man; and afterwards diſguiſing themſelves in their Habits, came up as Friends to the King's Troops, and put them all to the Sword. This Story had a great Run for a Day or two; and I believe one might ſtill find out a Whiſper among their ſecret Intelligence, that the Duke of *Mar* is actually

ctually upon the Road to *London*, if not within two Days march of the Town. I need not take Notice, that their Succeſſes in the Battel of *Dunblain* are magnified among ſome of them to this Day; though a *Tory* may very well ſay with King *Pyrrhus*, *That ſuch another Victory would undo them.*

But the moſt fruitful Source of Falſhood and Calumny, is that which, one would think, ſhould be the leaſt apt to produce them; I mean a pretended Concern for the Safety of our Eſtabliſhed Religion. Were theſe People as anxious for the Doctrines, which are eſſential to the Church of *England*, as they are for the nominal Diſtinction of adhering to its Intereſts, they would know, that the ſincere Obſervation of publick Oaths, Allegiance to their King, Submiſſion to their Biſhops, Zeal againſt Popery, and Abhorrence of Rebellion, are the great Points that adorn the Character of the Church of *England*, and in which the Authors of the Reformed Religion in this Nation have always gloried. We juſtly reproach the *Jeſuits*, who have adapted all Chriſtianity to Temporal and Political Views, for maintaining a Poſition ſo repugnant to the Laws of Nature, Morality and Religion, That evil may be committed, for the ſake of Good, which may ariſe from it. But we cannot ſuppoſe even this Principle, (as bad a One as it is) ſhould influence thoſe Perſons, who, by ſo many abſurd and monſtrous Falſhoods, endeavour to delude Men into a Belief of the Danger of the Church. If there be any relying on the ſolemn Declarations of a Prince, famed for keeping his Word, conſtant in the publick Exerciſes of our Religion, and determined in the Maintenance of our Laws, we have all the Aſ-

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ſurances that can be given to us, for the Security of the eſtabliſhed Church under His Government. When a leading Man therefore begins to grow apprehenſive for the Church, you may be ſure, that he is either in danger of loſing a Place, or in deſpair of getting one. It is pleaſant on theſe Occaſions, to ſee a notorious Profligate ſeized with a Concern for his Religion, and converting his Spleen into Zeal. Theſe narrow and ſelfiſh Views have ſo great an Influence in this Cry, that, among thoſe who call themſelves the Landed Intereſt, there are ſeveral of my Fellow Free-Holders, who always fancy the Church in Danger upon the riſing of Bank-Stock. But the ſtanding Abſurdities, without the Belief of which no Man is reckoned a ſtaunch Churchman, are, That there is a Calves Head Club; for which (by the way) ſome pious *Tory* has made ſuitable Hymns and Devotions: That there is a Confederacy among the greateſt part of the Prelates to deſtroy Epiſcopacy; and that all, who talk againſt *Popery*, are *Presbyterians* in their Hearts. The Emiſſaries of the Party are ſo diligent in ſpreading ridiculous Fictions of this Kind, that at preſent, if we may credit common Report, there are ſeveral remote Parts of the Nation in which it is firmly believed, that all the Churches in *London* are ſhut up; and that if any Clergyman walks the Streets in his Habit, 'tis ten to one but he is knock'd down by ſome ſturdy Schiſmatick.

We may obſerve upon this Occaſion, that there are many particular Falſhoods ſuited to the particular Climates and Latitudes in which they are publiſhed, according as the Situation of the Place makes them leſs liable to Diſcovery: There is many a Lye, that will not thrive within

in a hundred Miles of *London*: Nay, we often find a Lye born in *Southwark*, that dies the ſame Day on this Side the Water: And ſeveral produced in the loyal Ward of *Port-ſoken* of ſo feeble a Make, as not to bear Carriage to the *Royal-Exchange*. However, as the Mints of Calumny are perpetually at work, there are a great Number of curious Inventions iſſued out from Time to Time, which grow current among the Party, and circulate through the whole Kingdom.

As the Deſign of this Paper is not to exaſperate, but to undeceive my Countreymen, let me deſire them to conſider the many Inconveniencies they bring upon themſelves by theſe mutual Intercourſes of Credulity and Falſhood. I ſhall only remind the Credulous of the ſtrong Deluſion they have by this Means been led into the greateſt part of their Lives. Their hopes have been kept up by a Succeſſion of Lyes for near thirty Years. How many Perſons have ſtarved in Expectation of thoſe profitable Employments, which were promiſed them by the Authors of theſe Forgeries! How many of them have died with great Regret, when they thought they were within a Month of enjoying the ineſtimable Bleſſings of a Popiſh and Arbitrary Reign!

I would therefore adviſe this blinded Set of Men, not to give Credit to thoſe Perſons, by whom they have been ſo often fooled and impoſed upon; but on the contrary, to think it an Affront to their Parts, when they hear from any of them ſuch Accounts, as they would not dare to tell them, but upon the Preſumption that they are Ideots. Or if the Zeal for the Cauſe ſhall diſpoſe them to be Credulous in any Points

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